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500 HOUSES OCCUPIED: 3,000 AT CIVIC RELIEF CENTRES

Govt. To Pay Pension To Families Of Employees Killed In City Explosion And Fire

While nearly 500 apparently undamaged buildings, which were evacuated after the explosions and fire on the 14th instant, have now been occupied, there are still thousands of people in the city who are being fed and clothed and sheltered in the various centres.

DAMAGED HOUSES

Of the 300 damaged buildings which the City Engineer inspected during the last several days, about 110 were declared fit to be re-occupied upto Monday. The work of inspection continues and in the meanwhile debris is being cleared, owners and tenants are being asked to recover their property.

The Sheriff's Citizens' Committee announced on Monday that debris would be cleared from Narsi Natha Street and Samuel Street, commencing from 10 a.m. on Tuesday (to-day). To-day the cordon will also be removed from Samuel Street houses Nos. 310 to 324, remaining portion of DeSouza Street, Badmami building and three new streets, namely, Janjikar Street, Esaji Street and Mirchi Gulli.

It has been pointed out that where persons have been allowed to rehabilitate buildings formerly in the cordoned area, the landlords of these buildings should now have them examined by their architects and put into effect all necessary repairs, as the monsoon is approaching. House-owners have to make their own arrangements for clearing the debris.

After sunset, no person other than police, fire services and Committee members with blue passes will be allowed to enter the cordoned area. These orders, however, do not effect orders previously passed with regard to the Committee members and their assistants during patrol with Police Party at night.

PRESENT CORDON TO STAY

It is reliably understood that further curtailment of the cordon may not be possible in the near future, because behind this imaginary line lie buildings in smouldering ruins. This considerably shrunken, narrowed down border-line is buzzing with activity. Here one can see articles, including broken and twisted household utensils, being removed to safety; flattened and useless steel safes being salvaged and dragged out; crowds of people, armed with necessary permits, walking in and out.

FATE OF CURRENCY NOTES

In one spot alone, eight safes were found and they had been twisted out of recognition. While piles of Government currency notes of over a couple of lakhs of rupees, charred and stained and tattered, were salvaged from certain areas, there were instances where notes were found intact. One such instance was a bundle of notes of Rs. 20,000 found in the debris of a "pedhi."

A meeting of representatives of about 25 relief centres in the city will be held in the Corporation Hall on Thursday at 6 p.m., under the Chairmanship of Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor. This conference will discuss and devise ways for co-ordinating the work of the various relief centres.

Nearly 3,000 destitutes are now being fed, clothed and sheltered at the centres opened by the Municipality.

According to the present arrangement, the rest camps will be converted into full-fledged relief centres when an adequate number of destitutes are collected at each rest camp. Forteen private organisations have sent in reports of their relief activities to the Municipal Commissioner.

The Bombay Provincial Muslim League has two relief centres where the number of destitutes has dropped from 700 to 300 at present. It is estimated that about a 100 of these persons have left the city, while others who left the centres have found new jobs. Arrangements were made in the Baig Mohommed High School to give medical relief to those who suffered in the explosions but who could find no accommodation in the hospitals.

WOMEN'S AID

The Women's Relief Committee has sent about a 100 of their volunteers to the various relief centres in the city. The Dongri Relief Centre run by the Municipality for nearly 1,150 destitutes, received valuable aid from some of these volunteers.

PENSIONS TO FAMILIES OF GOVT. SERVANTS

Gratuities and pensions for the families of Bombay Government servants who were killed while on duty in connection with the recent explosions and fires in Bombay city will be granted by the Government of Bombay.

The pension will be at the rate of three-fourths of the pay if that was Rs. 80 a month or less, or half the pay if it was over Rs. 80 a month, subject, in the latter case, to a minimum of Rs. 60 a month. The gratuity will be three months' pay, and this will not be recovered from the pension, states the Director of Information.

Pensions will, in suitable cases, be destributed as individual pensions for the widow, for each son below the age of 25 and for each unmarried daughter under 21. A widow's pension will be for life, a son's will continue until he is 25 years old and a daughter's until she is 21. The pension will not, as is normally stipulated, cease if the widow marries again, or when the son obtains employment, or the daughter marries.

Pensions will also be granted to the families of temporary Government servants on a similar basis except that, in their case, they will be calculated on pay reduced by 20 per cent.

'INDIAN CENSORSHIP IS SELF-DEFEATING'

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, April 22: "Indian censorship is self-defeating", says Mr. Preston Grover, well-known American correspondent, who has returned from India, referring to Mr. Amery's statement in the Commons on censorship in India.

Since Mr. Amery stated in the House that enquiries were being made about the protest of certain British newspapers' correspondents in India against suppression of their reports, significant American reactions have reached here.

SENSATIONAL MIDNIGHT DACOITY

BOMBAY, Monday.

Using a clever ruse, two culprits committed a sensational dacoity last night and made away with Rs. 20,000.

The victim of the crime Mr. Popatlal Bhogilal who was badly assaulted during the proceedings is a wealthy jeweller, having his shop at Jhaveri Bazar.

It appears that last night two men one dressed in a military uniform and the other in a policemen's outfit went to the residence of the jeweller at Macine Drive. There they threatened the jeweller that they had come to execute a warrant against him being "an enemy agent, communicating with the enemy", and wanted to search his house and shop.

The victim frightened out of his wits accompanied the two bogus officers to his shop at Jhaveri Bazar. On entering the shop he was told to send his servants to an adjoining room.

On the pretext of searching his shop the victim was forced into opening his safe. No sooner had he opened it he was struck on the head by one of the culprits. The other rifled the safe and removed Rs. 20,000 in cash. Hearing the victim in a sorry plight the two culprits disappeared in a taxi which was waiting outside.

The police are investigating.

Bajaj's Donation To Kasturba Fund

WARDHA, April 24: The Kasturba National Memorial Fund Committee was formed here last evening when a meeting of local Congressmen was held under the presidenship of Mr P. K. Salve of Nagpur. Mr. Kamalanayan Bajaj was elected President of the Provincial Committee. Mr. Bajaj announced at the meeting a donation of Rs. 11,000 to the fund.—United Press.

Congress Municipal Party's Committees

Mr I S Patel General Secretary of the Congress Municipal Party informs that the Party has appointed the following Committees for helping the citizens of Bombay, who have suffered in the last calamity due to explosion and fire in the city.

LEGAL AID COMMITTEE: Messrs. Mohanlal M. Desai M R Masani Jamnadas Dwarkadas; G G Morarji; S L Silam; Vasantram Jamietram; P R Lele M G Gordhandas; Shantikumar N Master; Mangladas N Master; Indrajit G Thakur; K K Shaha, K F Nariman, Soonderdas Morarji Naval Jerajani; M B Vora; Dharia M N Chhatrapati; M K Desai; Pardiwalla and P K Savant (Convener).

MEDICAL COMMITTEE: Drs. D T Anklesaria; Malinibai Sukthankar; Jayantilal M Doctor; Nayan V B Gandhi and J V Vora (Convener).

GENERAL RELIEF COMMITTEE: Messrs. Ratilal M Gandhi; P K Savant; Ratilal Thakkar; Salebhoy A. Kader; Devji Rattansey; K A Subramanian; K M Bhujpuria; Cooverji J Shah; B N Maneshwari; M N Vakharia; K P Singh; Jamnadas Ladhawalla; Maganlal Presswalla, R B Raut; V D Govindjee G N Desai; V M Nagwekar; K N Joglekar; Mrs. Jayashri Raiji; Mrs. Usha Khandwalla; Mrs. Lilavati Munshi and Sjt. R K Achrekar (Convener).

HOUSING COMMITTEE: Messrs B M Khandray; V A Karapurkar; P M Chinai; Y L Bijja; Chimanlal Manchubhai; N J Gor; N S Kajrolkar; S G Sangaonkar; N N Popat; V B Worlikar V R Tulla; Shiv Das C Thakkar; R A Gole; M V Godbole; R S Vagh; R K Achrekar and N C Pupala (Convener).

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Messrs Y K Khadilkar; P R Lele; B R Dhurandhar; G B Mahashabde; S L Silam; D R Gharpure; and K N Joklekar (Convener).

The leader Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia and the General Secretary, Mr I S Patel will be ex-officio members of all the Committees. The Committees have power to co-opt.

Cloth Hawkers' Contribution

At a meeting of the Bombay cloth hawkers held at Bunyan Road, a sum of Rs. 500 was collected to help the relief measures in the city. Mr. Ibrahim Mistry, the Sarparast of the Muslim Social Workers' Group, appreciated the gesture of the cloth hawkers of the city and asked them to be always on the alert in helping the distressed and the needy. A committee was formed to collect more funds and it was decided to hand over the said sum to the Muslim Relief Committee of Bombay.

BOMBAY ARYA SAMAJ'S RELIEF WORK

About 200 destitutes are being given food and shelter daily. Clothes are distributed to 400 persons. Fruits are being supplied daily to injured persons lying in hospitals. A fresh list is prepared, to find out missing persons of the injured and lying in hospitals and also of dead persons. Those whose relatives are missing should come and see the list. Arrangement has been made to render all sorts of help to respectable families without noting their names. Claims of damages to person or property are noted. Tele No. 25575.

BOMB ATTACK ON ANZIO

Nazis Make Futile Attempts On Allied Perimeter Defences

LONDON, April 24.

From Reuter's special correspondent, Allied Headquarters in Italy: Italian fronts generally passed a quiet Sunday, but the Anzio bridgehead had an early morning bomb attack and two unsuccessful German attempts to break the perimeter defences.

Two out of fifteen bombers were probably shot down when Germans dropped high explosive and anti-personal bombs on the port and forward areas.

A company of Germans were repulsed in a frontal attack near Carano and another small party attempting an infiltration raid south-west Carrocito was driven off.

On Sunday twelve of our heavy bombers and five other aircraft are missing; fifty-one enemy aircraft were destroyed".

BUCHAREST AND PLOESTI BOMBED

Advanced Allied Headquarters in the Mediterranean, April 24: Italy-based heavy bombers attacked railway yards at Bucharest and Ploesti to-day.

'Fight The Inflation Conference'

CAIRO, April 23

A "Fight the Inflation" Conference will open to-day with financial experts from 14 countries including all of the Middle-East Territories, Britain, India and the United States.

The Conference will also discuss direct and indirect taxation, loans, and banking and credit policy.

The presence of British and American experts will make it possible for the Middle-East policy to be examined in the light of war-time developments in financial policy operating throughout the United Nations.—

INDIA'S REPRESENTATION

NEW DELHI April 24: Sir Theodore Gregory, Economic Adviser to the Government of India, will be present as observer on behalf of the Government of India, at the Cairo anti-inflation conference beginning to-morrow. Sir Theodore flew to Cairo recently.

BRITAIN BANS ALL TRAVEL OVERSEAS

LONDON, April 24.

Travel anywhere overseas from this country is being suspended.

A Home Office announcement says:—Severe restrictions have been imposed for military reasons on all travel from this country to destinations other than Ireland and travel to all destinations overseas is being suspended except for business of urgent national importance which cannot be postponed. Persons who have already been granted exit permits will be allowed to use them for the purpose of leaving this country up to midnight on Thursday 27. After that date no exit permit will be valid unless it was issued on or after the 19th.

SHIVPRASAD GUPTA DEAD

BENARES, April 24

Babu Shivprasad Gupta expired at 6-45 this morning.

The condition of Mr. Shivprasad Gupta, who had been bedridden with paralysis for the last twelve years, turned to the worse four days ago when he was completely paralysed. His brain became inactive last night at about 10 p. m. He passed away at 6-45 this morning.

According to Mr. Gupta's wish, his body will be cremated at Gupta Ghat, where his wife was cremated.

GREAT PHILANTHROPIST

BOMBAY, April 24.

Mr. Baldeva Das of Benares writes:—The death of Babu Shivprasad Gupta, one of the oldest inhabitants and Congressmen of Benares, a staunch supporter of the cause of Hindi and great philanthopist, has created a gap which would be difficult to fill. He was the founder of the Kashi Vidyapitha for which he created a trust of 10 lakhs of rupees. He was also the founder of the 'Aj' Hindi daily of Benares. He was the treasurer of the Indian National Congress for some time. As one who has been in his close confidence for over thirty years, I can say that it is difficult to find a noble soul like him. The United Provinces and particularly Benares, has really lost an institution in him.—A. P.

LONDON, April 24: Several prominent representatives of the Polish underground movement, who quite recently left Poland, have arrived in London and were greeted by Polish Ministers.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MAY)

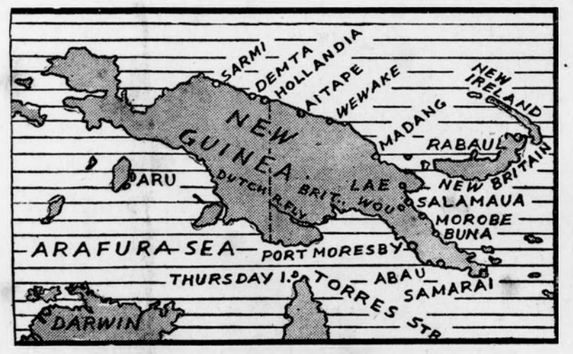
NEW YORK, April 24.

Previous Closing	21.05
To-day's Opening	21.10
Difference	+.05
To-days Closing	21.15
Difference	+.10

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 24.

Although the speculative engineering issues were slightly easier other sections continued steady and active after the week-end. Government securities were steady and unchanged.



ALLIES OPEN UP 150-MILE FRONT IN NEW GUINEA

New Landings Lead To Isolation Of Big Japanese Force

Reuter's special correspondent at General MacArthur's Headquarters in New Guinea cables under date April 24:—

General MacArthur's three-pronged invasion in north-eastern New Guinea is making good progress in its preliminary objective of seizing strategic Japanese airfields. Already the force which went ashore at Aitape has reached the important Tadji bomber and fighter base, 2,000 yards inland from the beach.

New Landings In New Guinea

Allied troops have invaded Hollandia in New Guinea, says a communique from Allied Headquarters in South-West Pacific.

Hollandia is a big Japanese base on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea. It has recently had several heavy attacks by Allied aircraft.

Seaborne Allied assault forces were covered by an umbrella of aircraft and supported by a flotilla of naval vessels.

LATER

Equipment is pouring ashore, at the rate of 1,000 tons an hour as Gen. MacArthur's invaders continue to press on. Combat teams, which took part in the Humbolt Bay landing, have captured Laimok Hill and have pushed on to cut the Pim-Hollandia road. The other two spearheads, pressing inland from Tanahmerah and Depapred Bays, are also continuing against inconsiderable enemy opposition.

Humboldt Bay Area Seized

General MacArthur's Communique to-day reporting new Allied landings in New Guinea states:

"We have seized the Humboldt Bay area on the northern coast of Dutch New Guinea, approximately 500 miles west of Saidor. Our ground troops have landed at Aitape, Hollandia, and Anahmerah Bay covering a front of about 150 miles.

The landings were made under cover of naval and air bombardment and followed neutralising attacks by our air forces and planes from carriers of the Pacific fleet. Complete surprise and effective support, both by surface and air secured our initial landings with slight losses. We are pushing forward to secure the local airfields.

JAPS PUT ON WRONG SCENT

Many feints during the past week towards Madang and Wewak apparently deceived the enemy into concentrating the mass of his forces forward into those areas, leaving the vital sector of Hollandia vulnerable and making possible a surprise movement to his rear.

The operation throws a loop of envelopment around the enemies' 18th army dispersed along the coast off New Guinea in the Madang, Alexishaven, Hansa Bay and Wewak sectors similar to the Solomons and Bismarck loops of envelopment. Eastward are Australians and Americans; westward Americans: northward the sea controlled by our Allied naval forces and over all our Allied air mastery.

JAPS ISOLATED

This enemy army is now completely isolated. With its communications and supply lines severed, its condition becomes similar to that of the beleaguered 17th and 8th Japanese armies in the Bismarck and the Solomon Archipelagoes. Its present strength is estimated at 60,000. The total remaining forces of these two armies which were those destined for the invasion of Australia, but which are now themselves surrounded, are estimated at 140,000, 50,000 in New Britain, 10,000 in New Ireland, 20,000 in Bougainville, and 60,000 in New Guinea.

Since the start of the campaign they have lost 110,000 men, 44 percent of their original strength of 25,000 and the remainder are now neutralised and strategically impotent. The enemy's maritime and air losses have been proportionately heavy.

DARE-DEVIL MACARTHUR

NEW YORK, April 24: Gen. MacArthur, disdaining personal danger, went ashore at Hollandia without even a steel helmet and trudged through smelly swamps rubbing shoulders with American soldiers. He made the landing in a small barge while warships were still shelling the jungles. A few hours later he went ashore at Tanahmerah Bay in spite of a signal that Japanese planes were on way.

Allies Bomb Axis Targets

LONDON, April 24: The Air Ministry announced today that last night the Bomber-Command attacked a signals equipment depot at Vilvorde, six miles north-east of Brussels. Mosquitoes went to Mannheim. Six planes are missing from the nigh's operations.

Very strong forces of United States' Liberators and Fortresses attacked aircraft and other factories at Friedrichshaven and a number of aerodromes in the Munich region today, the United States Headquarters announce.

Between 750 and 1,000 Eighth Air Force LIBERATORS and FLYING FORTRESSES, continuing the attacks aimed at the destruction of the Luftwaffe, to-day struck at aircraft factories and aerodromes deep in Germany, says Reuter's special correspondent.

HOW LONG WILL PACIFIC WAR LAST

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, April 22.

The 'United Press' Far East Manager asserts that the leaders in Asia believe that the Pacific War will take 3 to 5 years after German defeat; and that the Japanese drive in India is more spectacular, but defeat is certain: and that the United States will be dominant in the Pacific after the war and China will share the leadership in Asia with Russia and Britain.

JAP BID FOR CHENGCHOW

CHUNGKING, April 24.

The Japanese have thrown in reinforcements in their bid to capture Chengchow at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow-Lunghai Railway.

Fierce fighting began at this junction south of the Yellow River on Saturday, says a Chinese High Command Communique. Chengchow is besieged from three sides.—Reuter.

On Russian Front

MOSCOW, April 24: To-night's Soviet 'communique' says: "During April 24 there was no material change at the fronts. During the day 16 enemy tanks were disabled or destroyed and 51 planes were shot down." An air 'communique' reported a raid on Lvov in Poland and the sinking of seven German transports in Black Sea.—Reuter.

Viceroy Grants Interview

The Viceroy granted interviews on Monday to Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Mr. A. L. Hutson and Mr. W.L.A. Radcliffe, His Worship the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. R. C. Rodger, Captain J. H. Mackey, Mr. G. R. Masson, the Revd: J. Tanner, Sir Francis Low and Mr. S. A. Brelvi and the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Bombay.

Bombay Editors' Meeting

A meeting of newspaper editors in Bombay will be held at the Journalists Association Hall to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m.

Train Robbery Echo

KISHOREGANJ, April 22: News has just been received that the railway cash safe removed from the Up Surma Mail on April 19 has been recovered intact.

POONA, April 24: Kirkee United won the Col. Campbell Cup by defeating the Union Jack by one goal in the final of the Poona Hockey Tournament on Saturday.

STOP PRESS

BATTLE FOR POST-WAR CIVIL AVIATION

LONDON, April 23: Sir Roy Fedden one of the most famous of Britain's aeroplane designers, declared in London in a lecture on the future of civil aviation to-day that "America is in a much more powerful position in civil aviation than a majority of people realise".

"To maintain our friendship with the United States, but at the same time to ensure that we get our rightful share of world civil aviation is of paramount importance, and may in fact govern the peace of the whole world".

KOHIMA GARRISON'S RELIEF COMPLETE

Dimapur Road, Though Threatened, Is Now Open: Increased Activity In Arakan

KANDY, April 24.

To-day's Southeast Asia Command 'communique' states: "The road from Kohima to Dimapur, though still threatened in places, is at present open and the relief of the original garrison of Kohima which withstood all attempts to capture the town has been completed. There was increased activity on the Arakan Front.

JAPS CAPTURE TWO SMALL HILL FEATURES

The 'communique' says:—

North-east of Imphal our troops are operating on the Ukhrul Road some thirty miles from Imphal. There has been fierce fighting for hill positions on the Palel-Tamu Road since 21st April. On 23rd April the enemy succeeded in occupying two small hill features.

Fighting continues in the Bishenpur area. A Japanese attack on the evening of the 22nd was repulsed. Heavy fighting continues in the neighbourhood of Kungpi.

In North Burma east of the Mogaung, Chinese troops have advanced further south of Warazup. Other units, despite stiff artillery and machine-gun fire, are now one mile north-west of Warong. East of the Mogaung they have crossed the Lahkraw and are approaching Manao Gagtawng.

ARAKAN FRONT

On the Arakan Front there has been some increased activity and the enemy suffered heavy casualties in an unsuccessful attack on our positions north-west of Buthidaung.

On the night of 23rd April R.A.F. medium bombers of the Strategic Air Force attacked Maymyo for the second time in two days. The same night R. A. F. heavy bombers struck at Moulmein and Martaban railways with good results. In one of the numerous attacks on enemy communications in North Burma, bursts were seen to straddle a convoy of about 70 vehicles.

In daylight on 21st and 22nd April R.A.F. and I.A.F. fighters, fighter-bombers and dive-bombers of the Tactical Air Force maintained their concentrated offensive against enemy positions and rivercraft in the Naga Hills, Kabaw and Kale Valleys and on the Upper Chindwin. Air Commando fighters and bombers on the 22nd attacked ammunition and supply dumps at Hopin leaving the entire area burning.

Gokteik Viaduct was again attacked on the 23rd. In the Tkegyin area one Japanese bomber was damaged in the air and two on the ground.

From all these operations no Allied aircraft is missing.

That Attack On Sumatra

COLOMBO: Admiral Sir James Somerville, in a statement here today, said that the importance of last week's Sumatra strike lay only in the fact that this was the first action of its kind and the Japanese possibly now know that they will have to keep a sharp look-out eastwards also. The Japanese did not have a chance to see the Allied fleet—the three Japanese which approached the fleet were destroyed before they got anywhere near.

Admiral Somerville was unable to disclose the names of the ships which participated, confining himself to saying that it was a powerful fleet. He disclosed that one of the ships was manned by New Zealanders and said that with Americans, French, Dutch and United Kingdom men they made up a really mixed party. He did not like to say how the Allies achieved such a complete surprise, but humorously referred to certain Japanese early morning habits which also he failed to specify "lest they should change their habits."

FIRE STILL BURNING

Replying to questions he said that the last report he had about the damage inflicted was from a submarine which saw fires still burning from oil-tanks at Sabang the morning after the attack.

Admiral Somerville was unable to say from where the three Japanese torpedo bombers which approached the Allied fleet came, but pointed out that Singapore was only three hours flying distance from Sabang. The Allied fleet in these waters was powerful enough to sweep the Indian Ocean for blockade runners and it was one such sweep which resulted in the destruction recently of two blockade runners both of which he disclosed to-day were German.

SERIOUS HANDICAP

He said he did not think the Japanese got much of their supplies for Rangoon by sea, but they had rail links between Rangoon and Bangkok. While the destruction of the oil tank at Sabang immediately meant only the loss of a quantity of oil, in the long run this would prove a serious handicap in so far as the Japanese tanker position was quite serious and without storage tanks tankers would have to be used frequently for clearing oil from Sabang. Apart from being a submarine base, Sabang was a Japanese strong point protecting the approaches to Singapore.—A. P.

Jap Casualties Total 4,900

CALCUTTA, April 24: For 30 miles the road from Imphal to Ukhrul, to the north-east, is now clear of Japanese writes a Fourteenth Army observer from Imphal on Saturday. The number of Japanese now killed on this front-computed on the most conservative estimates and excluding those killed by artillery or air bombardment—now totals 4,900 he adds. As the Jap is most determined in getting his dead and wounded away it is likely the number of casualties killed and wounded, is double this figure.

Two Fourteenth Army groups, operating in this area, shook hands on Saturday (22nd). One had moved down the Ukhrul Road and occupied Litan unopposed, while the other had crossed most difficult country and come in from the east.

The Japs had blown one small bridge across the Ukhrul Road just this side of Litan. Working at the speed of a foot a minute sappers and miners threw another bridge across in a short time and early on the 22nd morning the first convoy passed through towards our roving troops, who had lived for days on what they could carry.

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C A L C U T T A

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 24: Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum tempesatures and rainfall in inches recorded at 8 hours on April 20, 1944:—

Allanabad 97 70 0, BOMBAY 89 77 0, Calcutta 92 72 T, Cawnpore 98 71 0, Cuttack 100 71 0, Darjeeling 59 47 0, Delhi 100 68 0, Dehra Dun 89 67 0, Jacobabad 112 80 0, Karachi 84 76 0, Lahore 103 68 0, Lucknow 98 72 0, Madras 97 75 0, Nagpur 104 75 0, Patna 92 73 0, Peshawar 93 65 0, Shillong 71 51 0.4, Simla 72 57 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The greatest safety valve to alleviate discontent in any country is the right to expound ideas, advocate governmental reform and criticise public officials or governmental institutions.

—Governor W. P. Hunt, of Arizona

The Bombay Chronicle

REHABILITATION

The proceedings of the meeting convened at Matunga under the auspices of over a score of important public institutions in the city indicate but partially the enormous difficulties that confront the work of relief and rehabilitation. The sheltering of the thousands rendered homeless is even now a difficult task though many school buildings are available for the purpose at present, when the schools are closed for the midsummer holidays. But the holidays will end in a few weeks and the setting in of the rains will add to the distress of the homeless. The Mayor, who presided over the meeting, rightly urged Government to help in the speedy erection of temporary structures and also to provide facilities for erecting permanent builldings. If this is not attended to immediately the housing problem, which is already very acute, will create grave difficulties in the monsoon and winter. It should be obvious that all those who wish to leave the city should be given every necessary facility, if only because it will relieve congestion here.

A peculiar difficulty emphasised by the Mayor is the panic in the minds of many not, with regard to the present but to the future. Their apprehensions, as he points out, are more about what is to happen to their credit, to their ability to meet their obligations, to indemnity for their loss. These fears are mainly due to uncertainty as to who are ultimately responsible for paying compensation for the loss of life and property. To end this uncertainty it is absolutely necessary that a searching inquiry must be instituted into the causes of the explosion and other relevent matters. Such an inquiry alone can fix liability on proper parties and thereby help to solve the question of compensation. The Mayor righly insists that an inquiry must start immediately. We are glad that Lord Wavell has seen things for himself and we trust that his Government will not only institute an enquiry by a body, which inspires public confidence, but will also publish a statement reassuring all those who have suffered personal or material loss that they will be adequately compensated for it by the British Government, with or without the aid of other Allied Nations.

Meanwhile the problem of feeding and clothing of the people rendered destitute continues to be tackled by a large number of separate institutions. This large number may perhaps help to tap various sources of relief that ordinarily remain untouched by general appeals. But it certainly calls for very careful co-ordination. Such co-ordination has not yet been organised. The Mayor proposes to call a special conference of all relief workers to co-ordinate their activities. It should not be delayed any longer. The last few days' experience has also shown that relief needs to be more generous and more extensive than it has been at various centres. Co-ordination should be very helpful in this respect. The funds available also need to be much ampler than they are. The Mayor's appeal for more funds and yet more funds deserves prompt response. Many have done well to offer their services. Such of them as can afford should also make money contributions. Bombay has begun splendidly in providing prompt relief. There should be no slackening of effort at a time when to the problem of immediate relief is added the harder one of rehabilitation.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

British Labour On India

The resoluion on India tabled by the 500,000 strong National Union of Railwaymen of Britain for the forthcoming Conference of the Labour Party declares that "the granting of freedom to the people of India to establish an independent Indian National Government will be a decisive factor in the fight against Fascism and towards the unification of all anti-Fascist forces" This must be self-evident even to imperialists. But they would not risk any injury to their imperialism in their fight against Fascism. Have not Churchill Amery & Co. wish to hold their own? We are told that "nine million members of the British Co-operative Party at their Easter week-end Conference demanded the sack for Amery from the post of Secretary of State for India". When our nine million friends mean business and rely on something stranger than periodical conference, they may perhaps succeed in their object and thereby help themselves at least as much as they may help India.

The Greek Mutiny

The veil of secrecy which had been cast on the mutiny which had broken out three weeks ago among the men of a Greek naval unit in one of the still unnamed Middle-East ports has been partially lifted, following the surrender of the warships concerned into the hands of Vice-Admiral Voulgaris, the Greek Naval C.-in-C., on the 22nd instant. The extent of the casualties suffered on either side is not revealed, but the fact is disclosed that the cause of the disaffection was political. From the meagre information so far vouchsafed by the British censorship, one is led to infer that a change in the composition of the existing ministry was desired by the crew of the warships and that the latter appeared to belong to the "popular liberation front"—meaning, we suppose, a party which has no great love for the present Greek King and his entourage and which is probably inclined towards republicanism. Unless more light is thrown on the under-currents of present-day Greek politics, it would be difficult to assess the real strength of the rival parties contending for power in the Greece of the future. What part the British Government is playing in unravelling the political tangle is also not easy to say.

Cost Of Living

The Government of India has published a new index of food prices prepared by its Economic Adviser, which gives some idea of the rise in the cost of living in India since the outbreak of the war. The average for February of this year stood at 243.4, while the average for March slightly declined to 236.2 It is worthwhile comparing these figures with those of the cost of living in Great Britain and the United States, the two Allied countries in closest touch with India and most affected by the war. Though the exact figures for the opening months of the current year are not available, it would not be far from the truth to say that the cost of living in Great Britain has risen by only about 75 p.c. since the 1st of September 1939. This is a most remarkable fact since Britain has had to import the major portion of her requirements of foodstuffs and other articles of daily necessity from abroad, but foresight and planned economy have enabled that country to indulge in the boast that her national larder is the best stocked among all the belligerent countries. As regards the United States of America, the position in respect of the cost of living appears to be even more satisfactory than that of Great Britain According to Mr. Leo Cherne, Executive Secretary of the Research Institute of America, the overall increase in the States between 1939 and January 1944 has been only 24.1 per cent! With immense raw materials including most food grains, lying at her door, India because of the woeful lack of foresight and economic planning on the part of her administrators, has had to face so oppressively high a rise in the cost of living as 200 to 250 p.c. which in spite of all the much boosted measures of official "control", still shows no signs of decline.

The Only Basis

The 24th of April is a memorable day for India, particularly for the Frontier Province. For the incidents at Peshawar on this day in 1930 remind us, in the words of Dr. Khan Sahib, "of those who have created a spirit in us to die for own country with courage and bravery". That day has since been observed as an "Observance Day" and its memories are but feebly indicated by the mile-long procession of Red Shirts and the huge public meeting addressed by Dr. Khan Sahib and other Congress leaders. He stated that "Congress would never have any compromise except on the basis of complete independence" and added that Mr. Amery himself was responsible for the present troubles and not the Congress.

ORDINANCE REPLACES PEGGING ACT

Srinivas Sastri Does Not See Improvement In Position Of Indians

MADRAS, April 24:

"Is this anything more than face saving?" asked the Right Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri in a press interview referring to the move to replace the Pegging Act by an ordinance of the Natal Administration.

Mr. Sastri said: "Our Commonwealth Minister Dr. N. B. Khare seems to be pleased with the new arrangement in Durban to replace the Pegging Act by an ordinance of the Natal Administration. The principle that measures of discrimination against Indians, if they are not in the form of legislation, are not so objectionable was first countenanced by the Mahatma when he stipulated that immigration of Indians should be controlled or prevented by regulations made under the law and it is ungracious to dispute it after these years. The substantial results being diadvantageous to the Indian community one fails to see what has in reality been gained. Moreover, in this instance. Union legislation is abandoned, but provincial ordinance is substituted. Is this anything more than face saving?, that on the Board to be created, the Indian community will have representation is no doubt a step in advance of administrative practice hitherto.

"Whether in the event, the new arrangement protects the Indian community from aggression, the future alone can disclose. If the Natal Indian Congress is really satisfied with the compromise we in India need not look behind it. As yet, however, nothing clear has emerged and it is too soon to rejoice. The experience of the way in which colour prejudice works out in South Africa does not enable me to be sanguine of the result.—A. P.

"STIGMA TO THEIR NATIONAL HONOUR"

DURBAN, April 24.

The Colonial Born and Settlers Indian Association on Sunday passed a resolution opposing the Natal Ordinance to be introduced in the Natal Provincial Council next month to supercede the Pegging Act.

The resolution states: "Colonial Born and Settlers Indians are Union Nationals and have always claimed from the Union Government treatment as Union Nationals in every respect and have time and again asked for the removal of Provincial barriers, racial discrimination and restoration of franchise.

This agreement is degrading to the self-respect of colonial born settler Indians and a stigma to their national honour."—Reuter.

INDIAN CHAMBER RECEIVES GOVERNOR OF RESERVE BANK

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber had an informal meeting with Sir Chintaman D. Deshmukh, Governor, Reserve Bank of India, on Monday morning when some questions were discussed.

Sir Chintaman Deshmukh made suitable observations on the points raised in the discussion.

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanji congratulated Sir Chintaman as the first Indian Governor of the Reserve Bank of India on behalf of the Indian business community and expressed the hope that in his hands the financial problems of India would get the necessary protection and promote India's internal economy and national interests.

Mr. Pranlal discussed the proposed banking control Legislation, the promotion of new banks, exchange business and position of indigenous bankers then proceeded to make observations on the question of sales of gold and silver. He expressed the resentment and alarm in Indian business circles against Government's policy in this behalf.

On the question of India's sterling balances, he expressed concern at the developments since the war. "It is necessary to engender a feeling of confidence in this country in regard to security and liquidity of the assets locked up in the shape of these balances. To that end, the India Government should secure assurances from his Majesty's Government that repayments in respect of these balances would be made to this country within a reasonable period of time in full tangible value and without depreciation due any possible exchange fluctuations."

Regarding the creation of a dollar reserve fund he wanted that to be made available for India's development purposes after the war.

Reference was also made by the President of the Chamber to the explosion in the city.

ALIGARH UNIVERSITY

ALGARH, April 23: At the annual university court meeting held to-day, Sir Ziauddin Ahmed in the Chair, Sir Ziauddin Ahmed and K. B. Obaid Urrahman were unanimously elected Vice-Chancellor and Treasurer respectively for three years. Nawab Sir Yusuf Nawab Ismailkhan Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan and Sir Yaminkhan were elected to the University Council.—A. P.

A Query

The sufferers in the recent fire are at a loss to understand as to with whom the claims for losses should be lodged in addition with the insurance companies concerned. The suffering public will be grateful if anybody guides them with the names and authorities with whom the claims should be lodged and the procedure and time limit thereof.

SYMPATHISER.

"DAILY WORKER" SAYS AMERY IS TOTALLY UNFITTED FOR JOB

To Justify His Continuance, He Makes Charges Against Prisoners, Which Have Never Been Proved

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, April 22.

"When Mr. Pethick Lawrence declared in the Commons that Mr. Amery was totally unfitted to hold his office, he was voicing the sentiments of millions in Britain who see our cause handicapped by Mr. Amery's India policy" says the "Daily Worker" commenting editorially on what it calls "Mr. Amery is totally unfitted for the job".

"To justify his continuance of the deadlock, Mr. Amery," adds the paper, "makes charges against his prisoners, which have never been proved."

Listeners at the Empire debate in the Commons this week were impressed by the sense of unity with which the speakers from the Government and Opposition benches were tackling the Empire problems.

ALL OF THE SAME FEATHER

Mr. Amanuel Shinwell, generally regarded as the stormy petrol of the Labour Party, and Sir Herbert Williams, an ultra-Conservative, agreed that the British Empire must emerge out of the war intact as a unit.

Dr. Dalton, Minister of Economic Warjare, and formerly of the London School of Economics, substantially supported the Ottawa Agreement against which India protested before the war so strongly.

The "Daily Mail" with its reactionary Tory outlook makes the following comments editorially:

"Mr. Shinwell's admirable speech should do much to clear away any lingering impression that there is something fairly disgraceful in the word "Empire." Those who believe in everything but their own country and sneer at the Empire are 45 years out of date. They are still living, in brief, in an era of jingoism."

Discussing about the strong united British Empire as a world stabilising force and admitting the mistakes in the past the "Daily Mail" suggests that there should be a common Defence, Foreign and Economic policy for the whole Empire. "Our primary task", says the paper, "should be to develop the Empire, encourage immigration and buy from the Dominions and sell to them. To strengthen the bonds of the Empire in every way would be not only good British policy but good international policy."

SHINWELL CRITICISED

Criticising the speeches as unimportant, unuseful and colourless, the "Daily Herald" says: "To what end is the unity of the Commonwealth to be exercised? Is its object to be the advancement of the Commonwealth in competition with other States and groups of States or partnership between the Commonwealth and rest of mankind? That is the real and pressing issue to-day and it was not raised by a motion."

Referring to Mr. Shinwell's speech the paper says: "No pronouncement by a Socialist leader on Imperial policy is a true reflection of his Party's views, unless it is completely dominated by insistence on the need for a world-wide international economic co-operation. That was certainly not the dominant note in Mr. Shinwell's speech. A Socialist can afford to ignore the critics of the Empire and to concentrate on the exposition of his Party's aims. One thing to be hoped is that the world will not imagine that the Labour Party's views of the mission of the British Commonwealth are identical with those of Sir Alfred Beit and Sir Herbert Williams."

TORNADO SWEEPS OVER BENGAL

Trees Uprooted And Huts Blown Up: Darkness Over Dacca

DACCA, April 23.

A violent storm swept over Dacca City and its suburbs on the 18th night. At about 8-45 p.m. a sudden north-western (kal baisakai) caused dislocation of electric connection in a large part of the city plunging it into darkness for several hours. A hut was set ablaze in the northern part of the city and reports of some trees being uprooted in surrounding villages, have also been received.

MANGO CROPS DAMAGED

BURDWAN: A violent tornado, accompanied with heavy rain and hail swept over Burdwan district on the 19th night. Many trees were uprooted and roofs of a number of huts blown away. The mango crop is believed to have been very badly damaged all over the district. There was another very heavy shower of rain accompanied with lightning early on the 20th morning.

JESSORE: There was a severe gale with heavy showers in many parts of the district on the 18th evening causing damage to the mango crop, uprooting a number of trees and falling many huts. No loss of life has been reported.

COMILLA: A severe cyclone passed over the town and suburbs damaging crops and many houses. A number of trees were blown down.

PANIC AMONG HOUSE-OWNERS

Wanted Statement Of Policy From Govt.

Mr. Abdul Rehman Mohamed Yusuf, President of the Property Owners' Association, has issued the following statement:

"Due to the explosions and fires in the City the investors in immovable properties in the city are the class of the persons who have suffered most though it is too early to say anything definitely as one cannot judge the extent of the damage done to the houses in the city as the inspection of the buildings by the City Engineer's staff has just commenced and, moreover, a few houses and godowns are still smouldering and many localities are under Police cordons.

An impartial and independent enquiry should be made to investigate the causes which led to this tragedy as well as to ensure that no such accident may happen again in future, as has been urged also by the various public bodies and men of the city. From the reports available it is clear that to many property-owners it is a total loss of their investments and a calamity to those whose only means of support in life was the interest on their investment in immovable property.

Due to the rumours which are current that the insurance companies are going to contest their liabilities, a feeling of panic is prevailing among the unfortunate house-owners whose properties have been destroyed or damaged by fire. It is a general feeling of the public that the Government should see that compensation is fully paid to all the persons affected by the explosions and fires as it was the result of the war activities of the Government. It is not an ordinary incident and I feel that it is the duty of the Government to come to the aid of the people to make good the loss which they have suffered in such a sudden manner, I am confident that Government will issue a statement at an earliest opportunity about compensating the people and this will greatly relieve the anxiety and stop the distressing rumours as a result of which panic has already been prevailing among the property-owners and will bring a ray of hope to those who have lost everything which they possessed. Property-owners would like to know the future plans of the Government about the sites where houses have been partially or totally lost.

My Association is anxious to do whatever is in its power to reduce the hardships of the investors in property by making a combined effort to help them and to ventilate their grievances before the authorities. In the circumstances I would take this opportunity to request the owners of the properties which are effected by this accident to communicate with the Secretary of the Association regarding their losses and for advice.

Fire Surveys

In order that the affected parties (viz. assured of goods buildings, etc.) are not able to reap undue advantage in respect of their claims, may I venture to suggest that Government and the insurance companies concerned should combine and appoint a committee of appraisers and fire surveyors of a few reliable well-versed and fully experienced gentlemen of long-standing fame in this profession and ask them to prepare their joint reports before paying claims? The Committee should consist of one officer appointed by Government, one person appointed by the insurance companies to look after their interest, representatives of Messrs. Ericson and Richards, Messrs. Gannon Dunkerley and Co., Mr. C. P. Mehta and Mr. Burjor Aga.

Will the authorities concerned act upon this suggestion?

M. C. OFFICER.

JINNAH-TIWANA TALKS

League Leader Reticent But Punjab Premier "Wears Broad Smile"

LAHORE, April 24: Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier of the Punjab, had his fourth interview lasting three hours with Mr. M. A. Jinnah at Mamdot House this evening. It is learned that the talks have reached a critical stage.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Jinnah in response to a request by reporters to give some indication of the talks said: "Gentlemen, you know perfectly well that I can't say anything when the talks are going on. Surely you know it that I can't disclose anything at this stage."

Asked whether the talks would be resumed Mr. Jinnah did not give any definite reply.

Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana arrived at Mamdot House at 6 p.m. and was immediately ushered into Mr. Jinnah's room. While the two leaders were discussing matters vitally affecting the future of the Province a tense atmosphere prevailed outside where a number of Muslim M.L.A.'s were present.

The Premier wore a broad smile on his face when he emerged from the meeting at 8-55 p. m. Beyond saying that he had met Mr. Jinnah for three hours the Premier declined to answer any question by waiting Pressmen.

After the Premier's departure from Mamdot House, Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan, Minister of Public Works and a staunch Muslim Leaguer, had an interview with Mr. Jinnah.

Earlier in the day the League President held informal consultations with five leading members of the Muslim League Party of the Punjab Assembly, namely, Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan, Nawab of Mamdot, Sir Mohd. Jamal Khan, Mr. Mumtaz Dalutana and Mr. Mohamed Amin.—A. P.

N. M. Joshi's Appeal

BOMBAY, April 24: Mr. N. M. Joshi, General Secretary of the All-India Trade Union Congress, has issued an appeal to the Trade Unions affiliated to the All-India Trade Union Congress, for generous contributions for the relief of the C. P. textile workers who are on strike for the last two months.—United Press.

Javdekar Released

POONA, April 24: Mr. Shankerrao Javdekar, formerly Editor of the Marathi Congress Daily 'Lokshakti', which suspended publication on August 10, 1942, was released unconditionally from Yeravda Jail yesterday.

"Penguins" To Publish Indian 10,000 Crore Plan

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 24.

PENGUINS have included the Indian Industrialists' 10,000-crore plan which runs into some fourteen-thousand words as one of their immediate publications.

I understand that one of the authors of the plan Mr. J. R. D. Tata has prepared an admirable explanatory note, which will accompany every copy reaching members of both the Houses of Parliament, industrialists, city editors and others directly interested in Indian affairs.

Catholics And Bombay Tragedy

A wave of horror must have swept over Bombay as a result of the tragedy that occurred early in Friday evening. Numbers of individuals and families have been rendered destitute and homeless. Relief organisations and committees are already set up and are doing admirable work in housing and feeding the poor. In temple and Samaj shelter has been provided for these stricken persons where they are decently cared for. Among those who are seriously affected by this tragedy must be a number of Catholics. Suddenly and without the slightest hint of warning, they are thrown upon the streets, reduced to absolute beggary. The Archbishop of Bombay has issued a timely appeal for succour. But it does not go far enough. Why should not our Catholic priests take an initiative in this matter? These Catholic destitutes could very well be provided shelter in our spacious parochial houses and in the ample church compounds. Such a gesture would be quite in keeping with the traditional spirit of charity and humanity that is the mainspring of our religion. These poverty-stricken persons could well be fed at church expense. No time should be lost in translating this Christ-like suggestion into practical action.

It has come to my knowledge that the Vicar of Saivacao Church at Dadar refused help and shelter to some of these destitutes who went to him on Sunday, following the explosion. It is hoped that the authorities will kindly intervene.

E. A. GIBBINS.

LABOUR LEADER EXPELLED FROM PONDICHERRY!

MADRAS, April 23.

The following statement was issued by Mr. V. Subbiah, Labour Leader, Pondicherry:—

The Government of French India ordered my expulsion from French territory on the ground that I am not a French subject. The officials carried out this order summarily on the morning of the 20th, before anyone was out on the streets; they woke me in bed and before I had time even to pack asked me to quit. They handed me over to the Cuddalore police. No opportunity was given to me to offer explanation of any kind.

The discovery that I am not a French subject comes rather late. I was born and bred in Pondicherry and have lived there all these years, taking part in various public activities. I visited France as a workers' delegate, with a passport acknowledging my French Indian nationality. I have been a voter for all elective bodies, including the French Parliament.

In January last, a representative of an anti-fascist people's "Combat", came to French India movement in Algiers, called and formed a branch organisation at Pondicherry with people belonging to different political groups in French India. A few progressive officials have come forward to co-operate in this. The sponsors of "Combat" honoured me by electing me as president, being the representative of a strong trade union movement. The Government has not permitted the functioning of this people's organisation.—A. P.

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS CONGRESS GOVT.'S ACT

NEW DELHI, April 24: The Federal Court to-day dismissed with costs the appeal of Rao Bahadur Kanwar Lal Singh, a landlord of Bhandara District, C. P., against the enhancement of revenue assessment on his estates.

The suit was instituted against the C. P. Government who increased the annual assessment in respect of three big estates by about Rs. 26,000 under the Land Revenue of Estates Act of 1939, enacted by the Congress Government.

STATION MASTER ACQUITTED

NEW DELHI: The Federal Court to-day accepted the appeal of Lt. H. M. T. Huntley, formerly station master of the Jamalpore railway station, E. I. Railway, from his conviction by a Special Tribunal on a charge of bribery.

Their Lordships gave the direction that an order be substituted acquitting the appellant and ordering his release from bail and the refund of fine if paid.

Frontier Martyrs' Day Procession

PESHAWAR, April 23.

A procession of about three thousand persons including about one thousand Red Shirts and Congress Leaders paraded through Peshawar city to mourn those Martyrs who were killed during firing at Kisakani Bazar in 1930. wreaths were laid by Dr. Khan Saheb on the Martyrs' memorial.

A well-attended public meeting was held when Dr. Khan Saheb and other Congress Leaders explained the significance of the 'Martyrs' Day' and paid tribute to those who were killed.—O. P.

CITY FATHERS ADJOURN

The Municipal Corporation adjourned on Monday, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. C. Vijaraghavacharier, ex-President of the Indian National Congress.

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY OF LATE C. V. CHARIAR

SALEM, April 24: Numerous telegrams and letters of condolence have been received by the family of the late Mr. C. Vijayaraghavachariar offering sympathy in their bereavement.

H. E. Sir Arthur Hope, Governor of Madras, Sir C. P. Ramasami Iyer, the Maharaja of Pithapuram, Sir Frederick James, and Sir T. Vijayaraghavachariar are among those who have sent their condolences.—A. P.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

'The Conference opines that the granting of freedom to the people of India to establish an independent Indian National Government will be a decisive factor in the fight against Fascism and towards the unification of all anti-Fascist forces.'

So runs a most important resolution on India that has been tabled by the 500,000 strong National Union of Railwaymen (N. U.R.) for the coming Conference of the Labour Party at the end of this month.

—London report.

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"It is interesting to note", writes the "Times of India", "that Mr. Churchill, referring to post-war conferences of Prime Ministers of the Dominions, expressed the hope that India would be reckoned among them"

Interesting? Why, it is positively amusing—in fact, downright funny!

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Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer, retiring Advocate-General, declared in a speech at Madras that "Lawyers must guard people's civil liberties".

And they are ever willing to do so —in return for their usual fees!

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American exporters are angry because the British are sending news ink to India in violation of lend-lease.

Why cry over spilt ink?

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NAZI BID FOR ROADS TO CENTRAL EUROPE

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *If Finnish-Soviet peace parleys continue to break down at this rate, one day they will be really broken down!*

(2) *Sweden refuses to stop playing ball-bearings with Germany.*

(3) *Sir M. Visvesvaraya thinks Five-Year Plans are better than a 15-year Plan as one can have three of them in the same period of time.*

(4) *The Viceroy had come to Bombay to attend the Dil Pazir Fete and feels terribly let down by the organisers who have wound up the show.*

(5) *War Correspondents on the Burma correspondent are in the habit of sending reports containing information which would be of material use to the enemy and half a dozen censors through whom all telegrams have to pass are in the habit of passing such reports!*

U. S. STRIKERS TO RESUME WORK?

WASHINGTON, April 24

The Union Leader of employees on strike at the great department store of Messrs. Montgomery, Ward and Company notified President Roosevelt to-night that he would order the strikers to return to work.

Mr. Samuel Wolchok, President of United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees (Congress of Industrial Organisations) in a telegram to President Roesevelt says that he would call a mass meeting of strikers to-morrow morning at which he would give them a report on the President's request and instruct them to go back to their jobs immediately. —Reuter.

PROF. KABIR PLEADS FOR UNITED ACTION

Union Of Fighting Elements Of Hindus And Muslims Needed To Win Freedom

NEW DELHI, April 23.

The Independence of India could only be achieved by a union of the fighting elements of the Muslims and the Hindus and not by a combination of moderates and reactionaries of these communities, said Prof. Humayun Kabir, M.L.C., Bengal, addressing the Delhi Provincial Ahrar Conference this afternoon.

The Majlis Ahrar, he added, was such a fighting organisation and had striven for the freedom of India.

Performing the flag hoisting ceremony later, Prof. Kabir appealed to every member of the organization to uphold the principle of liberty and equality in thought and action.

Sheikh Hissam-ud-Din was re-elected President of the All-India Majlis Ahrar for the coming year. —A.P.

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Improvements Committee adjourned meeting 2-30 p.m. (B. T.)

To-day's Engagements

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: A meeting of the students of the Royal Institute of Science who wish to volunteer to work at the relief centres for the explosion victims will be held in the Institute to-day (Tuesday) at 11-30 a.m.

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Society will be held in the Library Hall of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136 Apollo Street, Fort, to-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), when Mr. Behramgore T. Anklesaria, will give a discourse on "The Sacred Manthra Ahunavairya in the Gathas and the later Avesta and Pahlavi literature."

BOMBAY WOMEN'S WORK GUILD: The Members of the Society of Indian Magician will perform Conjuring Tricks at 6 p.m. at P. V. M. Gymkhana Cooperage, today (Tuesday).

BOMBAY KANNADA SANGHA: Prof. K. Sitaramaiah of Mysore will speak on the "Teachings of Basava" at the Mysore Association Hall, Matunga today (Tuesday) at 8 p.m.

SOVIET EXHIBITION: In celebration of the May Day Week organised by the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party, a Soviet Exhibition organised by the Friends of the Soviet Union will be held at the Kamgar Maidan, Parel, from to-day (Tuesday) to Monday May 1. The exhibition will be opened to-day at 8 p.m. and its timings will be 9 to 12 a.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.

MARWADI SAMMELAN: The annual general meeting of the Marwadi Sammelan was held on Sunday last at the Sammelan Hall in Fanaswadi Bombay, under the presidentship of Babu Gajadhar Somani, the President of the Sammelan when it was resolved to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Sammelan. Babu Gajadhar Somani in his presidential address reviewing the political atmosphere in the country made a plea for the release of political leaders to end the deadlock. He also stressed the necessity of starting a Marwadi Volunteer corps for social service.

PATIL CLUB: Opening Ceremony of the Club by Seth Mafatlal Gagalbhai at 7 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) at Patidar Samaj Building, French Bridge, Bombay.

Journalists' Association Of India

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Journalists' Association of India will be held on Friday, the 28th instant at Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay at 6 p.m.

BRANCH OFFICE OF BOMBAY SOAP FACTORY OPENED AT AHMEDABAD

The Bosfa Tea Rose Brand Soap Manufacturers have opened a Branch at Pankore Corner, Toys Market, Mr. Sajjad on behalf of the company, welcomed the merchant guests.

100 Cotton Bales Gutted

AHMEDABAD, April 23.

A fire broke out to-night in the Asarwa Railway Station, nearly one hundred bales of cotton were burnt, and, it is estimated, damage to the extent of Rs. 10,000 was caused. The fire was brought under control after about an hour.—A. P.

Meatless Day In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, Dn. April 23: Hyderabad is going without meat since yesterday as a result of the strike organised by the meat vendors protesting against the restrictions placed on them by the Government in prohibiting the slaughter of goat and sheep below the age of two.—Orient Press.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, April 24.

SHARES: The local Share Market was quietly steady. Operators preferred side lines pending new developments. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2,125 and declined to Rs. 2,110 but again firmed up to around Rs. 2,135. Bombay Dyeing after opening at Rs. 1,997-8 dropped to Rs. 1,990 but recovered to Rs. 2,000. Kohinoor were placed at Rs. 670, Svadeshi Rs. 624, Nagpur Rs. 438, Scindia were very steady at Rs. 33-8. New India Insurance Shares were done at Rs. 75, Bank of India Rs. 171 and Central Bank Rs. 72-8. The security market was firm with 3-1/2 per cent. Government Paper at Rs. 97-14 Later on owing to some rumours Steel Shares faced some selling pressure and Defds dropped to Rs. 2012 and Ordinaries to Rs. 394.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay Dyeing (1995) 1997 1/2 87 1/2 95 91 1/4; Century (950) 950; Central India (441 1/2) 440 438 1/2 440 1/2 39; Kohinoor (673) 672 69 68 72 69; New Great (402 1/2) 401 1/2 404 402; Simplex (259) 260 1/2 259 1/2 260; Swadeshi (624) 625 622 626 621; Associated Cement (225 1/2) 226 25 1/2 25; Tata Steel Ord. (398 1/2) 399 1/2 97 99 1/2 93 94 T. Steel Dfd. (2022 1/2) 2025 32 1/2 15 22 1/2 16 30 33 3/4 40 10 2013 3/4; Scindia (32-14) 33 33 1/2 33-3; New India Ins. (74 1/2) 74 1/2 75 76 1/4 75 1/2.

GOLD & SILVER: Prices on the Bullion Exchange ruled firm with rise in both Gold as well as Silver. The Reserve Bank accepted tenders of 1 lakhs tola Gold at Rs. 75-8. Trading in Gold for delivery started at Rs. 75-13 and the rate advanced to Rs. 76-8. Silver prices were very strong and the rate for delivery after opening at Rs. 139-2 appreciated to Rs. 140. Silver Ready .999 fineness was quoted at Rs. 142-8. In the afternoon prices went ahead briskly to Rs. 77 for gold and Rs. 141/4 for silver. The market slightly reacted and gold closed at Rs. 76/14 for delivery and Rs. 76/12 for ready Silver ready closed at Rs. 143 and delivery Rs. 140/12.

COTTON: The Cotton Market was uninteresting with price movements remaining narrow. The tendency was hesitant as confidence is lacking. I C C May opened at Rs. 423/8 and declined to Rs. 422/4. Trading was dull and price variations were small. May position after declining to Rs. 421 recorded to Rs. 423.

Closing quotations:—

I C C May Rs 422/8; I C C July Rs. 436; I C C Sept. Rs. 444/8.

NEW YORK PARITY: I C C May is below May 474 cents points at Exchange 331.

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Broach	433	428	423	418
Surti	560	555	550	545
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L.S.S. Pun/American	535	530	525	520
289F. Pun/American	580	575	570	565
Saw-Gd 4 F.	510	505	500	495
do L.S.S.	575	570	565	560
do 289F.	630	625	620	615
M.G. 4F Std/Ame.				
do N.T.	530	525	520	515
Saw-Gd. 4F do				
do 289F. do				
do N.T do	570	565	560	555

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

	New.
Khandesh Jarilla	345/285
Berar Jarilla	335/345
289 F. Jarilla	545/555
N.T. Jarilla	490/500
289F. Saw-ginned	610/620

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, April 22.

Cotton advanced early with overnight accumulation of mill buying against textile contracts encountering May liquidation in anticipation of the first notice day and scattered heading. Meanwhile the majority of traders are side-lining awaiting developments abroad. Finally New Orleans selling steady.

CHEQUES CLEARED

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the weekending 22nd April 1944 were as under:

Number of Cheques 43,774 Amount Rs. 9,65,48,293/5/6.

VICEROY THANKS FIRE BRIGADE SERVICES

BOMBAY, Monday.

Well deserved tributes to the gallant men of the city's Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Services were paid by the Viceroy when he visited the Bombay Municipal Fire Brigade Headquarters to-day.

Lord Wavell spent a busy morning visiting hospitals where victims of the explosions and fire are under treatment, municipal relief camps and granting interviews.

The Viceroy accompanied by Viscountess Wavell, H.E. Sir John Colville, Lady Colville, the Municipal Commissioner Mr. M. D. Bhat and the Police Commissioner Mr. Butler left the Government House at 9-30 a.m. and drove to the St. George's Hospital.

Their Excellencies went round the various wards and talked to a number of patients who were injured in the explosions.

There were many amputation cases. Many had burns and the majority were wounded by flying splinters.

The party also visited other hospitals.

Before proceeding to the Fire Brigade Headquarters the Viceregal Party visited the Northcote Police Hospital where Their Excellencies saw a number of police casualties.

Officers and men of the city's Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Services were smartly drawn up when the Viceregal party arrived at the Fire Brigade Headquarters.

The city's Fire Brigade has suffered heavily in this disaster and Lord Wavell conveyed to them his personal appreciation of their gallant services.

Before leaving the headquarters the Viceroy addressing the officers and men said: "I thank you for what you have done in the disastrous fire which took place on the 14th. From every one I heard of the magnificent work of the Bombay Fire Brigade in this disaster".

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Viscountess Wavell, accompanied by H. E. the Governor and Lady Colville, paid a visit to the Royal Bombay Seamen's Society's Institute in the evening.

Their Excellencies visited the Chapel, the recreation room, the lunch room and the living quarters. Their Excellencies spoke to a number of naval officers and seamen and Her Excellency remarked that the men were extra-ordinarily cheerful. After inspecting the Institute the Party attended a meeting of the General Committee.

KAMALADEVI ILL

Srimati Kamaladevi, President of the All-India Women's Conference, visited the destitutes' relief centre at the Khalsa College on Monday morning. She then motored to the suburbs to inspect such centres there. She had hardly completed her round of visits, when she suddenly took ill. She has been advised complete rest. All her engagements, therefore, are cancelled. She will not be able to attend to any work for the next four or five days.

NEW TAMIL DAILY

MADRAS, April 22: Mr. T. S. Chokkalingam appeared before the Chief Presidency Magistrate to-day and declared himself as the editor of the Tamil Daily, "Dinasari" to be published shortly.—A. P.

SIR C. P. NOT VACATING OFFICE

OOTACAMUND, April 23: It is authoritatively learnt that the present Dewan of Travancore is not vacating office and therefore the question of the choice of a successor does not arise.—A. P.

BOMBAY: The Dorab Tata Trust have made a donation of Rs. 6,000 per year for the maintenance of the Cyclotron Laboratory in the Calcutta University.—United Press.

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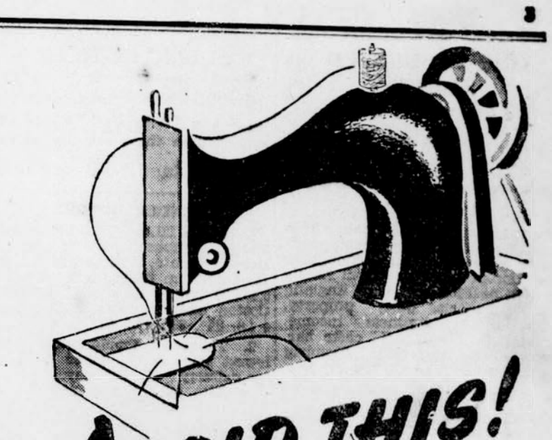
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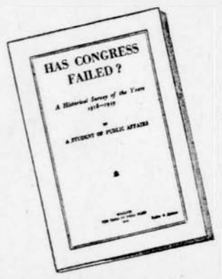

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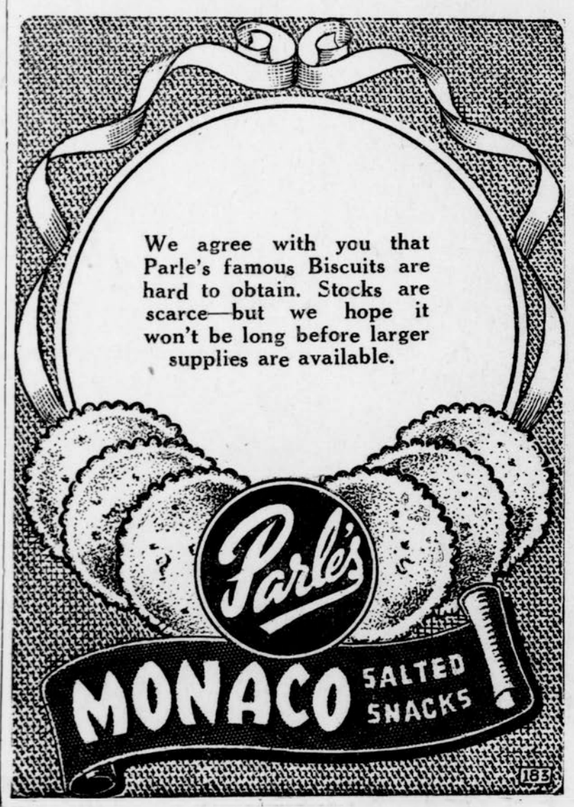
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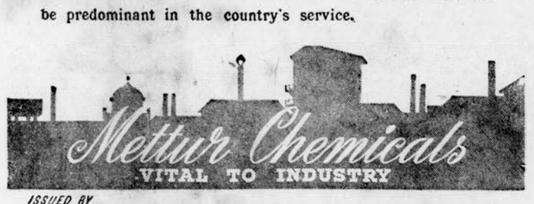

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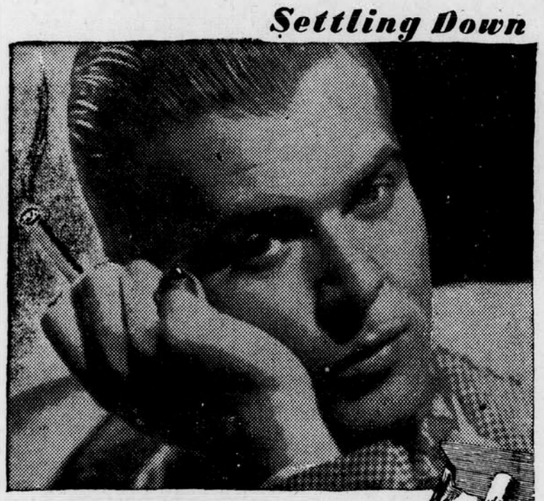

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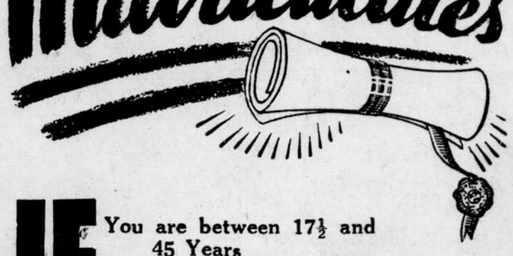

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